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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Prospect of plague.

MANILA, P. I., *December 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the city of Manila has been free from plague during the month of November, but that the infection still exists is shown by the fact that 1½ per cent of all rats caught and bacteriologically examined by the board of health are infected with plague. In view of the above fact it is safe to predict a reappearance of the disease in the human subject about January, with gradual increase to more or less epidemic proportions, as occurred in the spring of the present year. The board of health is again making strenuous efforts to exterminate rats and is now meeting with fair success. All rats are sent to the laboratory for examination, and the houses from which the plague-infected rats are obtained are subjected to as thorough disinfection as possible. A detention camp for the segregation of suspects is in the course of construction, the city is being as thoroughly cleaned as possible, and upon the reappearance of plague the board of health will be more adequately equipped for the scientific management of the disease.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Maritime quarantine transactions of the Philippine Islands for November, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., *December 12, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of quarantine transactions of the quarantine service for the Philippine Islands for the month of November, 1901, as follows:

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued—	
To United States ports	6
To foreign ports	41
To domestic ports	236
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports	44
From domestic ports	225
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	1,293
Steerage	8,035
Number of crew inspected	9,877
Number of vessels in quarantine	4
Number of vessels disinfected	4
Number persons quarantined for observation	2
Number persons bathed and effects disinfected	1,071
Number of persons detained in quarantine, at station	1,259
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected and so labeled	4,551
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed	769

PORT OF CEBU.

Number of bills of health issued to foreign ports	2
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports	2
From domestic ports	71

PORT OF CEBU—continued.

Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	121
Steerage	821
Number of crew inspected	2,316

PORT OF ILOILO.

Number of bills of health issued to foreign ports	2
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports	3
From domestic ports	27
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	171
Steerage	431
Number of crew inspected	1,175

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan and subports for December, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *January 6, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the transactions of the Service at this and the 6 subports of the island of Porto Rico for the month of December, 1901:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 26; number of bills of health issued, 35; number of vessels held in quarantine, 3; number of vessels disinfected, none; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 47; number of sacks of mail disinfected, 6; number of persons detained in quarantine, none. On the 19th instant the provisional flag steamship *Julia* entered on her usual schedule from Cuban and Dominican ports. The vessel had been disinfected prior to leaving Santiago de Cuba, and as all passengers for Porto Rico furnished satisfactory evidence of immunity to yellow fever they were permitted to land and the steamer was granted free pratique. Ten pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail from Santo Domingo were removed to the quarantine station and disinfected. The French steamship *Olinde Rodrigues*, from Petit Goave, Port au Prince, Saint Marc, Gonaive, and Cape Haitien, also arrived on the 19th. She brought only 1 passenger for this port and he was permitted to land, being immune. Three sacks of mail from Cape Haitien were removed to the island and disinfected. The vessel was held in quarantine under guard while she remained at this port. On the 20th instant the Spanish steamshep *Ciudad de Cadiz* arrived from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra, via Ponce. Her passengers for Porto Rico were considered immune and permitted to land, the steamer being held in quarantine under guard while here. Seven pieces of baggage were removed to the quarantine station and subjected to disinfection. On the 28th instant the French steamship *Le Calvados*, from Port Limon, Port au Prince, Petit Goave, Gonaive, and Cape Haitien, via Ponce, arrived. She brought no baggage or mail requiring disinfection. The ship was held in quarantine while remaining at this port. The provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, from Cuban and Dominican ports, arrived on the 29th. She